

SCHOOL NEWS....Diane Murphy (Religion teacher, Catechist)

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

Matthew 5:14,16

Dear friends in Christ,

This past week at SSPP school we enjoyed the school Christmas program; a collaborative effort by all of our students under the direction of Mrs. Mucho-Seay. What a beautiful reminder of what the season of Advent is about.

In the coming week we have Christmas parties followed by the midyear break. Remember there is "no vacation from vocation!" So attend church where ever you go. God sent his son to save us from sin. Should we ignore his gift?

Let's be reminded that this season, of waiting for a baby's cry, is one of JOY. A reading taken from a booklet of Advent meditations by Pope Francis tells us: "Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Our joy is not born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a person: Jesus, in our midst. We know that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable -- and there are so many of them! We accompany and follow Jesus...This is our joy, this is the hope that we must bring to this world."

So then friends, lets watch and wait and listen hopefully for that tiny cry of new joy during this season of darkness waiting for the light of the world, Jesus.

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SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER
100 YEARS



December 18, 2016
The Fourth Sunday
of Advent

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"come to me all of you"
- Matthew 11:28

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 17 - Vigil
 5:30 p.m. †Vickie Fleming by Family

Sun. Dec. 18
 8:30a.m. †Fr. Seamus Maguire by Nancy Sanger
 10:30a.m. For All Parishioners
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Mon. Dec. 19 School Mass
 8:30a.m. †Paul Seletyn by
 Glenn & Dianne Murphy

Tue. Dec. 20
 6:00p.m. †Tabby Wroten by Family Friends

Wed. Dec. 21
 8:30a.m. †Lee Parlier by Mary Kerby

Thu. Dec. 22
 6:00p.m. †Rich Heiss by Friends

Fri. Dec. 23
 8:30a.m. †Warren & Marguerite Jones by
 Bruce & Toni Webb
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Sat. Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Vigil
 5:30p.m. †David Foster by Peg Foster

Sun. Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 12:00a.m. For All Parishioners
 10:30a.m. †Deceased Members of the Booth
 Family, by the Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
 Saturdays 4:45p.m. or by appointment.

Offerings December 11, 2016

Env/Loose	\$ 3,658.50	Votives	\$ 20.05
Online	\$ 290.00	Parish Maint.	\$ 40.00
School	\$ 100.00	Christmas Flowers	\$365.00
Immaculate Conception			\$ 458.00
Religious Retirement 2nd Collection			\$1,135.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal			\$ 500.00

Lectors

Sat. (Vigil): 12/24
5:30p.m. : Toni Webb

Sun. 12/25
12:00a.m.: Tony Gerard
10:30a.m.: Bill Klenk

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. (Vigil): 12/24
5:30p.m. : Gene & Kathy Glover

12/25
Sun. 12a.m.: Dominic & Andre Re
Sun. 10:30a.m.: Vickie Caldwell

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil): 12/24
5:30p.m.: Emily Major/
 Dominic & Andre Re

Sunday: 12/25
12:00a.m.: Anna Pauley/
 Matthew & Jacob Mrozek

10:30a.m.: Scott Leilich

Bulletin Deadline:
 Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.** You may email to: ssppp1216oh@dwc.org or call: 304-465-5445.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2016

PARISH GOAL: \$17,150.00

Current Status: \$17,683(103%)
58 gifts

This Week.....

Sun. 9:00a.m. RCIA - Art Room
 9:15a.m. Adult Bible Class—Fr. Moore Rm.
 12:00 pm Decorate the church following mass, inside and out
 3:00p.m. B.L.A.S.T. and 1st Communion caroling at nursing home with CYO (for more info please call Claudia Kania at 304-573-3741)

Wed. 4:15p.m. “Saturday Choir” rehearsal
 5:30p.m. “Sunday Choir” rehearsal

Thurs. 7:00p.m. Meditation Class—Fr. Moore

Reminder about Faith Formation (grades 1-8)

B.L.A.S.T. and First Communion Class will meet this Sunday (Dec. 18) with CYO to go Christmas caroling at a nursing home. (B.L.A.S.T. = Building Lives Around Sound Truth)



Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24: 5:30p.m.

Christmas: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 10:30a.m.

SSPP Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild are selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Basket at each wknd Mass until the drawing on December 18, following the 10:30a.m. Mass. Donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

Second Collection next week (Dec. 24/25) Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities WV is inviting all people to join in its vision of hope for WV by contributing to the “Be With Us” appeal. Proceeds will directly support the outreach services throughout the state. Collection will take place the weekend of December 24 & 25.

MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM in our PARISH

Marriage: Before planning a wedding, make an appointment with the pastor to schedule the date. Marriage preparation requires a minimum of six months to complete.

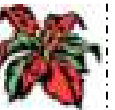
Baptism: Participation in the Baptismal Preparation Session is required for parents. Baptism preparation requires a minimum of three months to complete.

2017 Catholic Calendars:

The calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. The calendars are compliments of Tyree Funeral Home.

We appreciate their generosity.

Christmas Flowers:



No set donation; whatever you wish to donate. Offering can be made in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special someone. Please list them on the envelope. Drop envelope in collection basket, or bring it to the parish office.

Someone from the school will be selling the scrip cards after the 5:30pm mass and the 10:30am mass.

Let it Snow!!!!

We are excited to be working with Winterplace Ski Resort this year and look forward to forming a group that would like to participate in Ski School. Winterplace offers many different classes in Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snow Tubing all at discounted rates for our group. They provide flexible days and rates for the 5 week and 8 week programs. If you are interested, please stop by the school office to pick up paperwork or call the school at 304-465-5054.